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PRECONDITIONING OF MATCHED DEVICES

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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on August 12, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire November 12, 2005. In light of the Amendments and/or Remarks herein, further examination is requested.

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